

Cal OES Internal Statewide Incident Briefing

2000 hours, February 23, 2023

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Clouds swirl around El Capitan as snow blanketed Yosemite National Park on 02/22/23.

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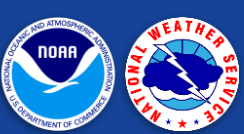


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24 Hour STAC Report

- Report attached



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Weather Risk Outlook

Regional Operations Center

Western Region

Thursday, February 23

	Thu, Feb 23	Fri, Feb 24	Sat, Feb 25	Sun, Feb 26	Mon, Feb 27	Tue, Feb 28	Wed, Mar 01
Fire Weather Low RH / Wind / Dry T-Storms							
Thunderstorms Wind / Hail / Tornadoes	All Regions	All Regions	Southern				
Cold	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions			
River Flooding		Southern	Southern				
Wind	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Southern		Coastal/Inland	Southern	
Heavy Rain Flash Flooding / Debris Flow	All Regions	Southern	Southern				
Snow	Inland/ Southern	Southern *	Southern	Inland (Far North)	Coastal/ Inland	Coastal/ Inland	Inland/ Southern
Coastal Flooding							

*** Note that snow is expected for all regions Friday but the highest impacts are expected in Southern Region**

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Weather Key Points

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Western Region

Thursday, February 23

- A strong, cold storm system will continue statewide through Friday, persisting into Saturday across the southern half of California
 - Snow levels will be much lower than typical storm, reaching 500 to 1,500 feet across the north and near 2,000 feet (locally lower possible) across the south
 - Significant travel impacts are expected, including along many mountain and foothill roadways in northern California, many Sierra passes, and many southern California passes
 - Gusty winds will also continue statewide through Friday (through Saturday in southern California), potentially producing tree damage, as well as leading to reduced visibility in blowing snow in the foothills and mountains, and blowing dust/sand in the deserts
 - Blizzard conditions, with very low visibility and very difficult travel, will develop in some mountain locations, including the southern Sierra and the mountains of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties on Friday and Friday night
 - This is a rare event for southern California mountains due to the combination of strong winds and high snowfall rates
 - Damage is also likely due to heavy snow loads on structures, trees, and powerlines



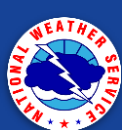
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- Moderate to locally heavy rainfall will also be possible along the southern California coast, especially Friday and Saturday
 - Elevated risk of shallow mud and debris flows at recent burn scars
- Isolated, mainly afternoon thunderstorms, will be possible across parts of the state (favoring the coast) through at least Friday
 - These storms could lead to impactful hail accumulations, especially along the northern coastline, as well as gusty winds and waterspouts over the ocean waters
- Rises on streams and rivers are expected following the precipitation late week
 - The most significant rises are expected in southern California, with a few rivers expected to reach monitor stage, and the Santa Clara River Near Piru in Ventura County now expected to rise into Major flood stage Friday into Saturday
- Much colder temperatures are expected through the end of the week and into the weekend, with some record cold temperatures likely
- Additional storm systems will likely move through the state Sunday into the beginning of next week and bring elevated winds and precipitation chances to the state



Daily Precipitation Forecast

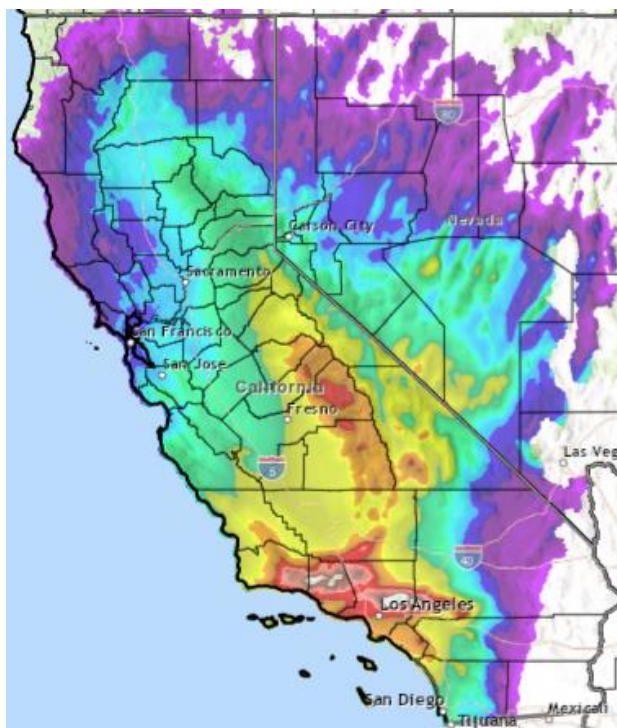
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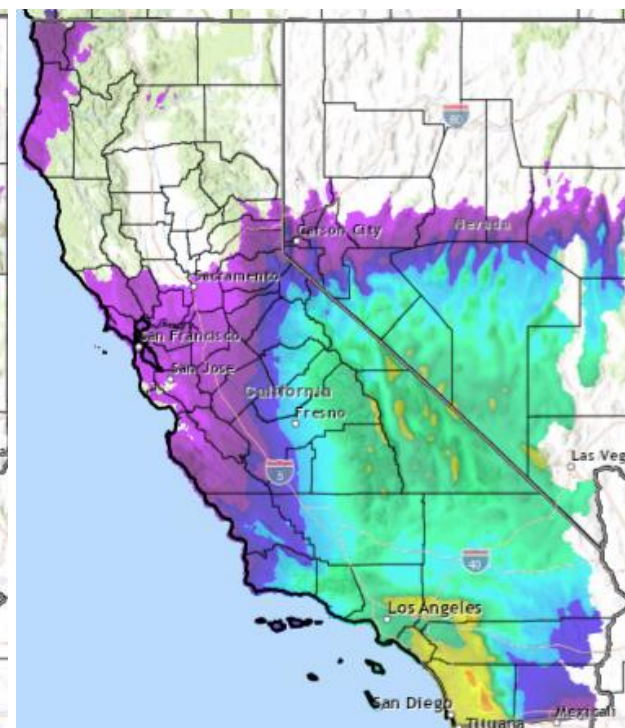
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Thursday



Friday

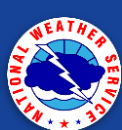
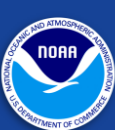


Saturday

Important Note: Forecast precipitation amounts are an average for any particular location. Thunderstorms will produce locally much higher rainfall amounts.

Precipitation (inches)



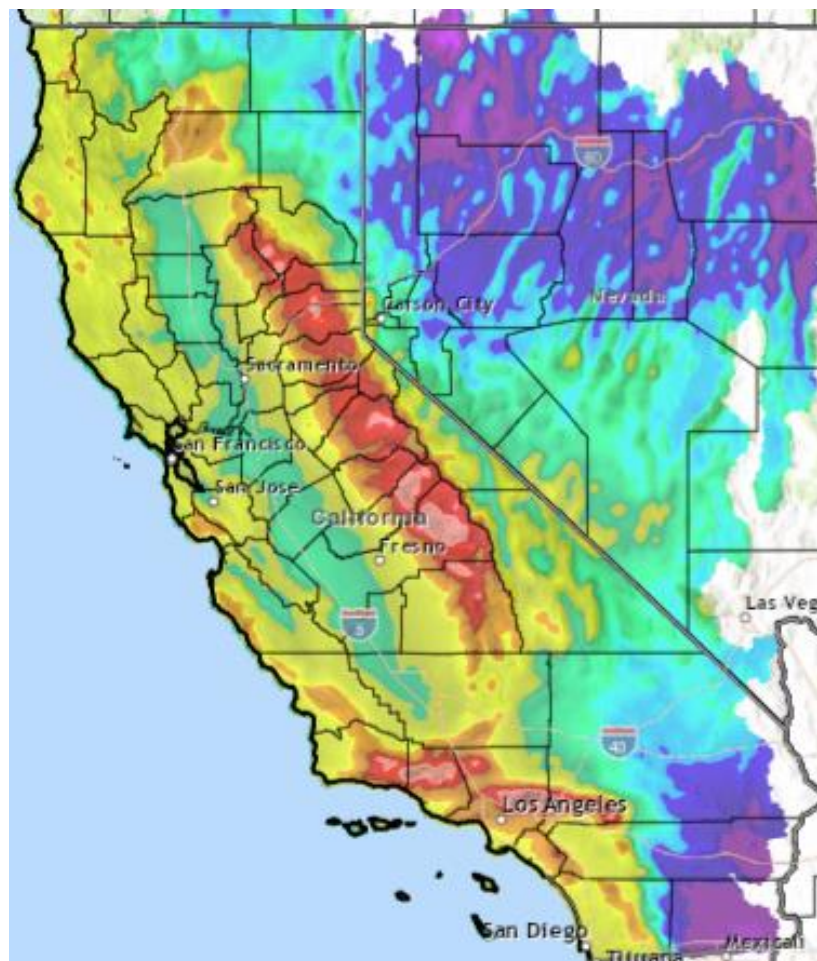


Storm Total Precipitation

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Western Region

Thursday, February 23



Forecast Precipitation Thursday - Tuesday

Precipitation (inches)





Weather Outlook (6-14 Days)

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Western Region

Thursday, February 23

6-10 Day Outlook (February 28 - March 4)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are strongly favored statewide

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is favored statewide, especially in southern California

8-14 Day Outlook (March 2 - 8)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are again strongly favored statewide

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation remains favored statewide

Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center

STATEWIDE WILDFIRE RISK POTENTIAL

Thu Feb 23, 1200hrs



Fri Feb 24, 1200hrs



Sat Feb 25, 1200hrs



Acres

< 10 50 100 500 1000 5000 10000 > 10000

Each map shows the time with the highest wildfire risk potential. 8 hour simulations are run every three hours of the day to produce a map of wildfire risk potential in acres. The average number of acres in an area should not exceed the associated number in the legend. Risk forecast does not consider suppression efforts. Courtesy of Technosylva.



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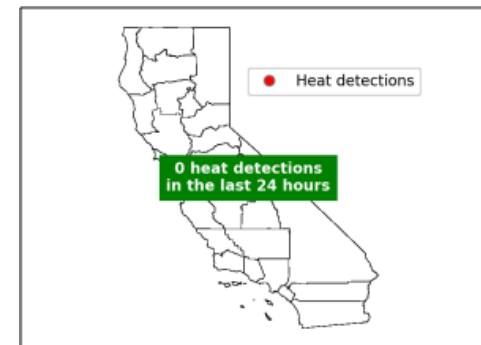
Weekly Fire Potential and Weather Forecast

Northern Region

- Well below normal temps, increasing RHs and periods of widespread wetting precip with low snow levels will keep the significant fire risk in the "little-to-no risk" category for the next 7 days.
- Moisture found within the mountain snowpack currently ranges 140-175% of normal for the date and is expected to increase significantly through early next week.
- Dead fuel moisture values which began this more active weather pattern drier than seasonally typical will increase significantly in response to series of upcoming frontal systems. ERCs do still remain unusually high for the time of year in most PSAs though are expected to fall rapidly from this afternoon onward.
- Herbaceous grass and forbs are exhibiting a solid flush of green-up, generally below 2,500-3,000 ft, and the abundant soil moisture will continue to feed this growth although cooler temperature periods will lessen the intensity of growth and may even provide some frost/freeze nip. The abundant standing dead from the previous growing season has been significantly altered or "melted", thus lowering the fire spread threat across many areas.
- Live woody brush-shrubs and tree canopies contain mixed flammability based on the limited sampling that has been done the past month. Dormancy has set in across the mid and upper elevations with little change expected. Some new growth is occurring for some species across the lowest elevations with blossoms becoming more apparent in the fruiting non-traditional wildland fuel species.

	Thu 23 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 01 Mar
North Coast							
Mid Coast to Mendocino							
Bay Marine							
Diablo-Santa Cruz Mtns							
Northwestern Mtn							
Sac Valley/Foothills							
NE California							
Northern Sierra							
Far Eastside							

■ Min. risk ■ Low Risk ■ Moderate Risk
■ Lightning ■ H - Hot & Dry ■ No Data
■ W - Wind



Southern Region

- There will be little or no fire activity across the region through the forecast period.
- An unusually cold, deep Pacific trough will slowly move south along the California coast and then inland over the next few days, bringing a high impact winter storm to the entire area. Another, weaker storm will affect the region next week as another trough moves in.
- Areas of showers, with a snow level around 2,000 feet, will continue to affect most of the region through this evening. For today, and into early tonight, precipitation will remain fairly light and showery, but snow will be starting to accumulate over 2,000 feet.
- Southwest to west winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph will surface across the mountain ridges and through the desert passes through this evening.
- The worst of the storm will occur from late tonight through Saturday afternoon. There has been very little change in the forecast and we remain on track for a high impact and potentially historic winter storm.

	Thu 23 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 01 Mar
Eastern Sierra							
Central Sierra							
Southern Sierra							
Sierra Foothills							
Central Valley							
Central Coast Interior							
Central Coast							
South Coast							
Western Mountains							
Eastern Mountains							
Southern Mountains							
Lower Deserts							
Eastern Deserts							
Central Mojave							
Upper Deserts							
Northern Deserts							

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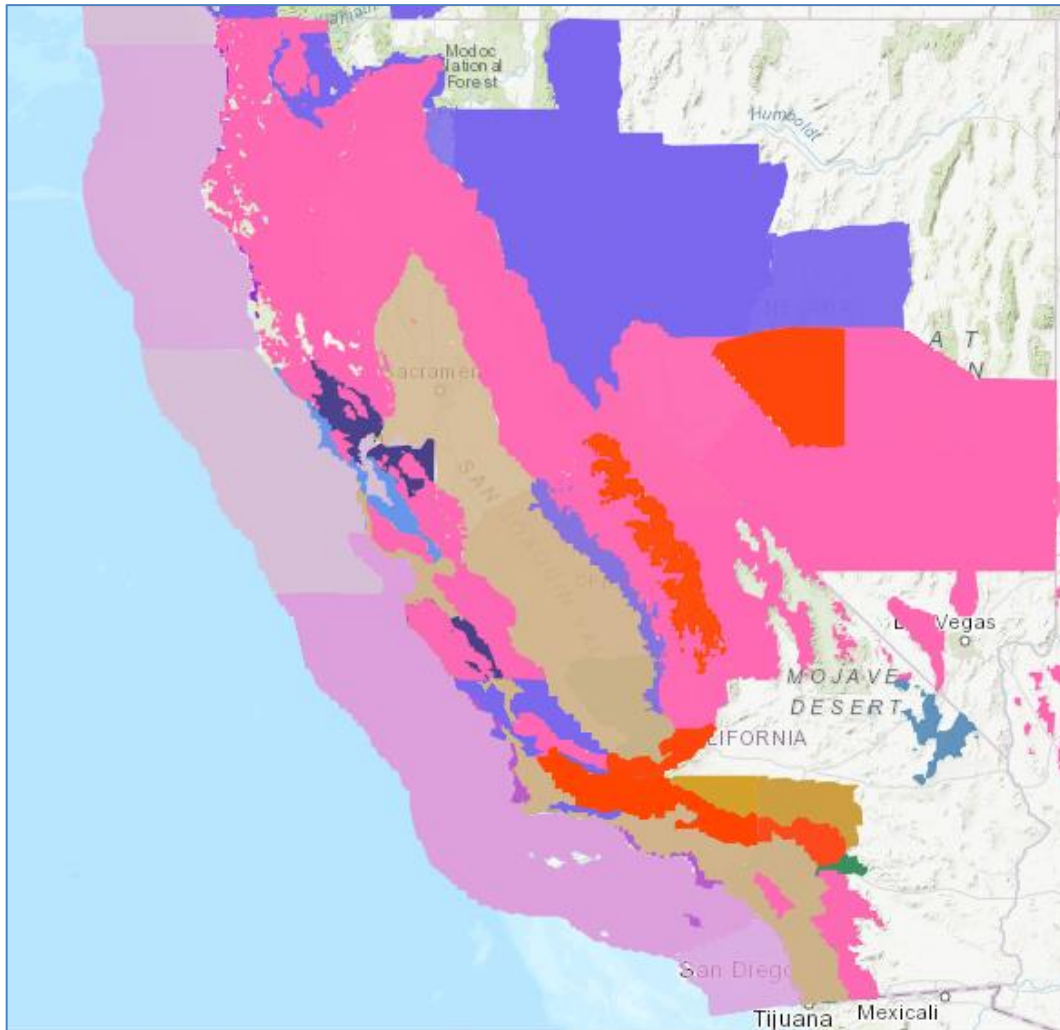
WEATHER MAP & WATCHES / WARNINGS LINKS

Weather Advisories, Watches, and Warnings currently active in California:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca>

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca&bycounty=1>



Air Quality Alert
Air Quality Advisory
Coastal Flood Statement
Fire Weather Watch
Freeze Watch
High Wind Watch
Flood Watch
Winter Storm Watch
Gale Watch
Beach Hazards Statement
Avalanche Watch
Frost Advisory
Wind Advisory
Hazardous Seas Warning
Brisk Wind Advisory
Small Craft Advisory
Dense Fog Advisory
Heavy Freezing Spray Warning
High Surf Advisory
Coastal Flood Advisory
Flood Advisory
Wind Chill Advisory
Winter Weather Advisory
Red Flag Warning
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Blowing Dust Warning
Flood Warning
Avalanche Warning
High Wind Warning
Winter Storm Warning
Blizzard Warning
Flash Flood Warning



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Level 1	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

Late February Winter Storm Event

Winter storm systems are forecasted to impact California this week through the weekend.

- Per Watershed/Debris Flow Task Force (WSTF), there are currently no NWS Local Forecast Offices forecasting debris flow thresholds that will be met across the state, rainfall impacts are expected to be minor. This has potential to change toward the end of the week and into the weekend.
- The Cal OES Situation Cell has been activated to an Enhanced Watch posture and is producing Incident Reports on the event.
 - Please see attached Situation Cell Incident Report [No. 6](#) - Late February Storm Systems, [02/23/23 at 1900 hours](#).

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

Imperial County Storm Event

On 02/22/23 at 1500 hours, the California State Warning Center was notified by the Southern Duty Officer (SDO) of a storm related event in Salton City, Imperial County.

- On the night of 02/21/23, a windstorm event with speeds of 55-75 mph downed multiple power lines in the Salton City area of Imperial County.
 - 76 transmission poles down affecting approximately 2,500+ meters/customers.
 - Anza (Salton City) substation was affected, with poles downed on the north and south sides of the substation.
 - A five-day outage has been extended for Desert Shores, Salton City.
 - It will take approximately five to ten days for a full restoration to be completed.
 - Able to power back 1,150 customers in the Sierra Vista community.
- Imperial County OES will reach out to Torrez Martinez Tribe for damage assessment and assistance if any is required.
- Imperial County has no requests for assistance at the time of this report.
- Setting up command trailers at 2 different locations nearby damaged areas.
- A generator on-site at the West Shores High School, Salton City.



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION (Continued)

Imperial County Storm Event (Continued)

- Link in care and shelter team from Department of Social Services (DSS).
- Mutual Aid requested through Imperial Irrigation District (IID) contractors (8 crews requested, 6 crews confirmed to assist).
 - 4 contract crews are enroute to Imperial County, awaiting response from additional 4 crews.

Activations

- Imperial County Emergency Operations Center virtually activated.

Proclamations

- A Proclamation and Ratification will be provided at next board meeting.

Shelters/Temporary Evacuation Point

- Shelter located at the West Shores High School, 2381 Shore Hawk Avenue, Salton City via the Red Cross.
- Center will have staff on-site.
- Shelter building being powered by a generator through Imperial County OES.
- County Building and Maintenance Department is assisting with setting up heat source and hot water within the shelter.
- Imperial County Social Services will be on site at the shelter to provide assistance.

Access and Functional Needs

- Imperial County OES developing a mapping system for vulnerable populations, including restored and affected areas.
- Imperial County Social Services has set up a phone number for Replacement of Benefits individuals. The number is 760-337-6884.

Critical Infrastructure

- County Environmental Health Services reports that potable water is intact, will send staff to business to assess needs, will ensure the sewer system is functioning properly.
- Imperial Irrigation District is reaching out to Cal Trans in support of providing power to a traffic light at the intersection of South Marina and HWY 86.

Community Outreach

- Imperial County OES working with IID PIO to share information with the public.
- Messaging was communicated via social media on 02/22/23.

COVID-19 SUMMARY

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

On 03/02/20 at 0700 hours, the Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) activated at Level 1 in support of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Medical Health Coordination Center's (MHCC) statewide response to COVID-19. Cal OES will continue to provide resource coordination for the COVID-19 event, as well as situation status reporting and advance planning across multiple areas.

SMARTER Plan

On 10/17/22, Governor Newsom unveiled the "[California Smarter Plan Updates October 2022](#)". The plan emphasizes continued readiness, awareness and flexibility and helps ensure California can maintain its focus on communities that continue to be disproportionately impacted and stay prepared to swiftly and effectively respond to emerging COVID-19 variants and changing conditions. Governor Newsom is set to lift the State of Emergency in early 2023, and this update provides information on California's progress to date and how we move forward.

CDPH Statewide Travel Advisory

- For more information: [CDC Travel Guidelines](#)

Confirmed California COVID-19 Cases - Per California Department of Public Health Tracking COVID-19 as of 02/22/23 at 1630 hours: (report updated bi-weekly)

- 11,105,535 (+20,717) total confirmed cases.
- 100,187 (+227) total deaths.
- Please see the most recent "Situation Report - COVID-19" attachment for additional details.

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) SUMMARY

PSPS Status

PG&E	SCE	SDG&E	Liberty Utilities
Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

PG&E

- Nothing significant to report.

SCE

- Nothing significant to report.

SDG&E

- Nothing significant to report.

Liberty Utilities

- Nothing significant to report.

PacificCorp

- Nothing significant to report.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Emergency Transportation Route Closures

Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Emergency Transportation Route Closures	Emergency Transportation Route Closure	No Emergency Transportation Route Closures

Emergency Transportation Route Closures:

- **Placer and Sierra Counties:** I-80 is closed from Colfax to the Nevada State Line. No alternate route provided as of 1320 hours on 02/23/23
 - Estimated Time of Reopening: Unknown

Non-Emergency Transportation Route Closure:

- **San Luis Obispo/Monterey County:** SR 1 is closed from 7 miles South of Lucia to 4 miles South of Lucia due to rockslides.
 - Estimated Time of Reopening: 03/31/2023.
- **Butte/Placer County:** SR 70 is closed from Jarbo Gap to the Jct. of SR 89 at Greenville Wy. due to slides.
 - Estimated Time of Reopening: 03/01/2023.
- **Sierra County:** SR 49 is closed from 3.5 mi north of the Nevada/Yuba Co Line at Marysville Rd to Saddle due to snow.
 - Estimated Time of Reopening: Unknown
- **Mendocino County:** SR 175 is closed from the Jct of US 101 to the Mendocino/Lake Co Line due to snow.
 - Estimated Time of Reopening: Unknown
- **El Dorado County:** US 50 is closed from Pointview to Meyers due to adverse weather and spin outs.
 - Estimated Time of Reopening: Unknown

Wildfire Closures:

- There are no Wildfire Closures.

Emergency Operations Center Activations

- There are no Emergency Operations Centers activated.

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

- <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



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You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for
current Hwy. conditions.



FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2

Note: The National and Regional Preparedness Levels are maintained by the National Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group and are separate from Cal OES activation levels.

FEMA

- None reported

Pre-Position Resources

Region I 2 Preposition

Los Angeles County – XLB – Start Date: 02/23/23 0800 hours Tentative End Date: 02/25/23 2000 hours

- 1 Local Government Dozer Type 1, 1 Local Government Hand Crew Type 1, 1 Local Government Dispatcher

Orange County – XOR - Start Date: 02/23/23 0800 hours Tentative End Date: 02/25/23 0800 hours

- 5 OES Engines Type 3, 1 Local Government Dozer Type 2, 1 Local Government Helicopter with Rescuers, 1 Local Government Hand Crew Type 2, 1 Local Government Dispatcher

Region III 1 Preposition

Glenn County – XGL - Start Date: 02/23/23 0800 hours Tentative End Date: 02/25/23 0800 hours

- 3 Local Government Engines Type 3

FIRE ACTIVITY

Pre-Position Resources (Continued)

Region VI 2 Preposition

Riverside County – XRI - Start Date: 2/23/23 1800 hours Tentative End Date: 2/26

1 Local Government Swift Water Rescue Team

San Bernardino County – XBO - Start Date: 2/23/23 1500 hours Tentative End Date: 2/26/23 0800 hours

5 Local Government Engines Type 6, 1 Local Government Loader, 1 Local Government Hand Crew T2IA, 1 Local Government Dispatcher, 5 Local Government IMT Members

Pre-Positioned Resources by Type

- 5 Cal OES Engines
- 8 Local Government Engines
- 2 Local Government Hand Crews
- 2 Local Government Dozer
- 1 Local Government Heavy Equipment (Loader/Excavator/Road Grader)
- 0 Cal OES Swift Water Rescue Team
- 0 Cal OES USAR Regional Task Forces
- 1 Local Government Swift Water Rescue Team
- 1 Helicopter with (2) Rescuers
- 3 Dispatcher
- 5 IMT Member

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Enforcement Missions

- **2023-LAW-94112, 02/20/23:** The City of Oakland has requested 10 (-5) IT personnel and support staff to assist with the Cyber Attack that occurred on February 8th. Chief has approved the mission and the JOC has been advised of the MRT and is working on the resources to assist Alameda County and the City of Oakland. **Update 2/22/23:** Adding 1 IT from CHP and 2 from CDT. **Mission Ongoing**

Cal OES MISSION TASKINGS

Cal OES Missions

- **2023-SOC-9872:** Calaveras County Local Assistance Center (LAC), 1 Cal OES Taccom Cradlepoint to support staff and allied agencies. Equipment is on-scene. MAR 4. **UPDATE:** As of 2/15 the Calaveras LAC will be relocated from the fairgrounds to the Health & Human Services building until 03/06/23. COMC J moving equipment. **UPDATE:** As of 02/16/23 the Calaveras LAC relocated from the fairgrounds to the Health & Human Services building, until 03/6. COMC J moving equipment.



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Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.